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- 1 AN ACT Relating to residents of long-term care facilities; amending
- 2 RCW 18.20.120; adding a new section to chapter 18.20 RCW; adding a new
- 3 section to chapter 18.51 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.36
- 4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.128 RCW; adding a new chapter
- 5 to Title 70 RCW; and creating new sections.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. INTENT. The legislature recognizes that
- 8 long-term care facilities are a critical part of the state's long-term
- 9 care services system. It is the intent of the legislature that
- 10 individuals who reside in long-term care facilities receive appropriate
- 11 services, be treated with courtesy, and continue to enjoy their basic
- 12 civil and legal rights.
- 13 It is also the intent of the legislature that long-term care
- 14 facility residents have the opportunity to exercise reasonable control
- 15 over life decisions. The legislature finds that choice, participation,
- 16 privacy, and the opportunity to engage in religious, political, civic,
- 17 recreational, and other social activities foster a sense of self-worth
- 18 and enhance the quality of life for long-term care residents.

- The legislature finds that the public interest would be best served by providing the same basic resident rights in all long-term care
- 3 settings. Residents in nursing facilities are guaranteed certain
- 4 rights by federal law and regulation, 42 U.S.C. 1396r and 42 C.F.R.
- 5 part 483. It is the intent of the legislature to extend those basic
- 6 rights to residents in veterans' homes, boarding homes, and adult
- 7 family homes.
- 8 The legislature intends that a facility should care for its
- 9 residents in a manner and in an environment that promotes maintenance
- 10 or enhancement of each resident's quality of life. A resident should
- 11 have a safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment, allowing the
- 12 resident to use his or her personal belongings to the extent possible.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly
- 14 requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout
- 15 this chapter.
- 16 (1) "Department" means the department of state government
- 17 responsible for licensing the provider in question.
- 18 (2) "Facility" means a long-term care facility.
- 19 (3) "Long-term care facility" means a facility that is licensed or
- 20 required to be licensed under chapter 18.20, 72.36, or 70.128 RCW.
- 21 (4) "Resident" means the individual receiving services in a long-
- 22 term care facility, that resident's attorney in fact, guardian, or
- 23 other legal representative acting within the scope of their authority.
- 24 (5) "Physical restraint" means a manual method, obstacle, or
- 25 physical or mechanical device, material, or equipment attached or
- 26 adjacent to the resident's body that restricts freedom of movement or
- 27 access to his or her body is used for discipline or convenience and not
- 28 required to treat the resident's medical symptoms.
- 29 (6) "Chemical restraint" means a psychopharmacologic drug that is
- 30 used for discipline or convenience and not required to treat the
- 31 resident's medical symptoms.
- 32 (7) "Representative" means a person appointed under RCW 7.70.065.
- 33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** EXERCISE OF RIGHTS. The resident has a
- 34 right to a dignified existence, self-determination, and communication
- 35 with and access to persons and services inside and outside the
- 36 facility. A facility must protect and promote the rights of each
- 37 resident and assist the resident which include:

- 1 (1) The resident has the right to exercise his or her rights as a 2 resident of the facility and as a citizen or resident of the United 3 States and the state of Washington.
- 4 (2) The resident has the right to be free of interference, 5 coercion, discrimination, and reprisal from the facility in exercising 6 his or her rights.
- 7 (3) In the case of a resident adjudged incompetent by a court of 8 competent jurisdiction, the rights of the resident are exercised by the 9 person appointed to act on the resident's behalf.
- 10 (4) In the case of a resident who has not been adjudged incompetent 11 by a court of competent jurisdiction, a representative may exercise the 12 resident's rights to the extent provided by law.
- Sec. 4. NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND SERVICES. (1) The 13 NEW SECTION. 14 facility must inform the resident both orally and in writing in a 15 language that the resident understands of his or her rights and all rules and regulations governing resident conduct and responsibilities 16 during the stay in the facility. The notification must be made prior 17 18 to or upon admission. Receipt of the information must be acknowledged 19 in writing.
 - (2) The resident or his or her legal representative has the right:
- 21 (a) Upon an oral or written request, to access all records 22 pertaining to himself or herself including clinical records within 23 twenty-four hours; and

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- (b) After receipt of his or her records for inspection, to purchase at a cost not to exceed the community standard photocopies of the records or portions of them upon request and two working days' advance notice to the facility.
- (3) The facility must inform each resident in writing before, or at the time of admission, and at least once every twenty-four months thereafter of: (a) Services available in the facility; (b) charges for those services including charges for services not covered by the facility's per diem rate or applicable public benefit programs; and (c) the rules of operations required under section 15(2) of this act.
- 34 (4) The facility must furnish a written description of residents35 rights that includes:
- 36 (a) A description of the manner of protecting personal funds, under 37 section 5 of this act;

- 1 (b) A posting of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the 2 state survey and certification agency, the state licensure office, the 3 state ombudsmen program, and the protection and advocacy systems; and
- 4 (c) A statement that the resident may file a complaint with the 5 appropriate state licensing agency concerning resident abuse, neglect, 6 and misappropriation of resident property in the facility.
 - (5) Notification of changes.

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- 8 (a) A facility must immediately consult with the resident's 9 physician, and if known, make reasonable efforts to notify the 10 resident's legal representative or an interested family member when 11 there is:
- 12 (i) An accident involving the resident which requires or has the 13 potential for requiring physician intervention;
- (ii) A significant change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychosocial status (i.e., a deterioration in health, mental, or psychosocial status in either life-threatening conditions or clinical complications).
- 18 (b) The facility must promptly notify the resident or the 19 resident's representative shall make reasonable efforts to notify an 20 interested family member, if known, when there is:
 - (i) A change in room or roommate assignment; or
- 22 (ii) A decision to transfer or discharge the resident from the 23 facility.
- (c) The facility must record and update the address and phone number of the resident's representative or interested family member, upon receipt of notice from them.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. PROTECTION OF RESIDENT'S FUNDS. (1) The resident has the right to manage his or her financial affairs, and the facility may not require residents to deposit their personal funds with the facility.
- 31 (2) Upon written authorization of a resident, if the facility 32 agrees to manage the resident's personal funds, the facility must hold, 33 safeguard, manage, and account for the personal funds of the resident 34 deposited with the facility as specified in this section.
- 35 (3)(a) The facility must deposit a resident's personal funds in 36 excess of one hundred dollars in an interest-bearing account or 37 accounts that is separate from any of the facility's operating 38 accounts, and that credits all interest earned on residents' funds to

- 1 that account. In pooled accounts, there must be a separate accounting
 2 for each resident's share.
- 3 (b) The facility must maintain a resident's personal funds that do 4 not exceed one hundred dollars in a noninterest-bearing account, 5 interest-bearing account, or petty cash fund.
- 6 (4) The facility must establish and maintain a system that assures 7 a full and complete and separate accounting of each resident's personal 8 funds entrusted to the facility on the resident's behalf.
- 9 (a) The system must preclude any commingling of resident funds with 10 facility funds or with the funds of any person other than another 11 resident.
- 12 (b) The individual financial record must be available on request to 13 the resident or his or her legal representative.
- (5) Upon the death of a resident with a personal fund deposited with the facility the facility must convey within forty-five days the resident's funds, and a final accounting of those funds, to the individual or probate jurisdiction administering the resident's estate.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY. The resident has the right to personal privacy and confidentiality of his or her personal and clinical records.
- (1) Personal privacy includes accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, personal care, visits, and meetings of family and resident groups. This does not require the facility to provide a private room for each resident however, a resident cannot be prohibited by the facility from meeting with guests in his or her bedroom if no roommates object.
- 27 (2) The resident may approve or refuse the release of personal and 28 clinical records to an individual outside the facility unless otherwise 29 provided by law.
- 30 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** GRIEVANCES. A resident has the right to:
- 31 (1) Voice grievances. Such grievances include those with respect to 32 treatment that has been furnished as well as that which has not been 33 furnished; and
- 34 (2) Prompt efforts by the facility to resolve grievances the 35 resident may have, including those with respect to the behavior of 36 other residents.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 8.** EXAMINATION OF SURVEY OR INSPECTION RESULTS.
- 2 A resident has the right to:
- 3 (1) Examine the results of the most recent survey or inspection of
- 4 the facility conducted by federal or state surveyors or inspectors and
- 5 plans of correction in effect with respect to the facility. A notice
- 6 that the results are available must be publicly posted with the
- 7 facility's state license, and the results must be made available for
- 8 examination by the facility in a place readily accessible to residents;
- 9 and
- 10 (2) Receive information from agencies acting as client advocates,
- 11 and be afforded the opportunity to contact these agencies.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 9.** MAIL AND TELEPHONE. The resident has the
- 13 right to privacy in communications, including the right to:
- 14 (1) Send and promptly receive mail that is unopened;
- 15 (2) Have access to stationery, postage, and writing implements at
- 16 the resident's own expense; and
- 17 (3) Have reasonable access to the use of a telephone where calls
- 18 can be made without being overheard.
- 19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 10.** ACCESS AND VISITATION RIGHTS. (1) The
- 20 resident has the right and the facility must not interfere with access
- 21 to any resident by the following:
- 22 (a) Any representative of the state;
- 23 (b) The resident's individual physician;
- 24 (c) The state long-term care ombudsman as established under chapter
- 25 43.190 RCW;
- 26 (d) The agency responsible for the protection and advocacy system
- 27 for developmentally disabled individuals as established under part C of
- 28 the developmental disabilities assistance and bill of rights act;
- 29 (e) The agency responsible for the protection and advocacy system
- 30 for mentally ill individuals as established under the protection and
- 31 advocacy for mentally ill individuals act;
- 32 (f) Subject to reasonable restrictions to protect the rights of
- 33 others and to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any
- 34 time, immediate family or other relatives of the resident and others
- 35 who are visiting with the consent of the resident;
- 36 (g) The agency responsible for the protection and advocacy system
- 37 for individuals with disabilities as established under section 509 of

- 1 the rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended, who are not served under
- 2 the mandates of existing protection and advocacy systems created under
- 3 federal law.
- 4 (2) The facility must provide reasonable access to a resident by
- 5 his or her representative or an entity or individual that provides
- 6 health, social, legal, or other services to the resident, subject to
- 7 the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time.
- 8 (3) The facility must allow representatives of the state ombudsman
- 9 to examine a resident's clinical records with the permission of the
- 10 resident or the resident's legal representative, and consistent with
- 11 state and federal law.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 11.** PERSONAL PROPERTY. (1) The resident has
- 13 the right to retain and use personal possessions, including some
- 14 furnishings, and appropriate clothing, as space permits, unless to do
- 15 so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other
- 16 residents.
- 17 (2) The facility shall, upon request, provide the resident with a
- 18 lockable container or other lockable storage space for small items of
- 19 personal property, unless the resident's individual room is lockable
- 20 with a key issued to the resident.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 12.** TRANSFER AND DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS. (1)
- 22 The facility must permit each resident to remain in the facility, and
- 23 not transfer or discharge the resident from the facility unless:
- 24 (a) The transfer or discharge is necessary for the resident's
- 25 welfare and the resident's needs cannot be met in the facility;
- (b) The safety of individuals in the facility is endangered;
- 27 (c) The health of individuals in the facility would otherwise be
- 28 endangered;
- 29 (d) The resident has failed to make the required payment for his or
- 30 her stay; or
- 31 (e) The facility ceases to operate.
- 32 (2) Before a facility transfers or discharges a resident, the
- 33 facility must:
- 34 (a) Notify the resident and representative and make a reasonable
- 35 effort to notify, if known, an interested family member of the transfer
- 36 or discharge and the reasons for the move in writing and in a language
- 37 and manner they understand;

- 1 (b) Record the reasons in the resident's record; and
- 2 (c) Include in the notice the items described in subsection (4) of 3 this section.
- 4 (3)(a) Except when specified in this subsection, the notice of 5 transfer of discharge required under subsection (2) of this section 6 must be made by the facility at least thirty days before the resident 7 is transferred or discharged.
- 8 (b) Notice may be made as soon as practicable before transfer or 9 discharge when:
 - (i) The safety of individuals in the facility would be endangered;
- 11 (ii) The health of individuals in the facility would be endangered;
- 12 (iii) An immediate transfer or discharge is required by the 13 resident's urgent medical needs; or
- 14 (iv) A resident has not resided in the facility for thirty days.
- 15 (4) The written notice specified in subsection (2) of this section 16 must include the following:
 - (a) The reason for transfer or discharge;
- 18 (b) The effective date of transfer or discharge;
- 19 (c) The location to which the resident is transferred or 20 discharged;
- 21 (d) The name, address, and telephone number of the state long-term 22 care ombudsman;
- (e) For residents with developmental disabilities, the mailing address and telephone number of the agency responsible for the protection and advocacy of developmentally disabled individuals established under part C of the developmental disabilities assistance and bill of rights act; and
- (f) For residents who are mentally ill, the mailing address and telephone number of the agency responsible for the protection and advocacy of mentally ill individuals established under the protection and advocacy for mentally ill individuals act.
- 32 (5) A facility must provide sufficient preparation and orientation 33 to residents to ensure safe and orderly transfer or discharge from the 34 facility.
- 35 (6) A resident discharged in violation of this section has the 36 right to be readmitted immediately upon the first availability of a 37 gender-appropriate bed in the facility.

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- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 13.** RESTRAINTS. The resident has the right to
- 2 be free from physical restraint or chemical restraint. This section
- 3 does not require or prohibit facility staff from reviewing the judgment
- 4 of the resident's physician in prescribing psychopharmacologic
- 5 medications.
- 6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. ABUSE. The resident has the right to be
- 7 free from verbal, sexual, physical, and mental abuse, corporal
- 8 punishment, and involuntary seclusion.
- 9 (1) The facility must not use verbal, mental, sexual, or physical
- 10 abuse, including corporal punishment or involuntary seclusion.
- 11 (2) Subject to available resources, the department of social and
- 12 health services shall provide background checks required by RCW
- 13 43.43.842 for employees of facilities licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW
- 14 without charge to the facility.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. QUALITY OF LIFE. (1) The facility must
- 16 promote care for residents in a manner and in an environment that
- 17 maintains or enhances each resident's dignity and respect in full
- 18 recognition of his or her individuality.
- 19 (2) Within reasonable facility rules designed to protect the rights
- 20 and quality of life of residents, the resident has the right to:
- 21 (a) Choose activities, schedules, and health care consistent with
- 22 his or her interests, assessments, and plans of care;
- 23 (b) Interact with members of the community both inside and outside
- 24 the facility;
- 25 (c) Make choices about aspects of his or her life in the facility
- 26 that are significant to the resident;
- 27 (d) Wear his or her own clothing and determine his or her own
- 28 dress, hair style, or other personal effects according to individual
- 29 preference;
- 30 (e) Unless adjudged incompetent or otherwise found to be legally
- 31 incapacitated, participate in planning care and treatment or changes in
- 32 care and treatment;
- 33 (f) Unless adjudged incompetent or otherwise found to be legally
- 34 incapacitated, to direct his or her own service plan and changes in the
- 35 service plan, and to refuse any particular service so long as such
- 36 refusal is documented in the record of the resident.

- 1 (3)(a) A resident has the right to organize and participate in 2 resident groups in the facility.
- 3 (b) A resident's family has the right to meet in the facility with 4 the families of other residents in the facility.
- 5 (c) The facility must provide a resident or family group, if one 6 exists, with meeting space.
- 7 (d) Staff or visitors may attend meetings at the group's 8 invitation.
- 9 (e) When a resident or family group exists, the facility must 10 listen to the views and act upon the grievances and recommendations of 11 residents and families concerning proposed policy and operational 12 decisions affecting resident care and life in the facility.
- (f) The resident has the right to refuse to perform services for the facility except as voluntarily agreed by the resident and the facility in the resident's service plan.
- 16 (4) A resident has the right to participate in social, religious, 17 and community activities that do not interfere with the rights of other 18 residents in the facility.
- 19 (5) A resident has the right to:
- (a) Reside and receive services in the facility with reasonable accommodation of individual needs and preferences, except when the health or safety of the individual or other residents would be endangered; and
- (b) Receive notice before the resident's room or roommate in the facility is changed.
- 26 (6) A resident has the right to share a double room with his or her 27 spouse when married residents live in the same facility and both 28 spouses consent to the arrangement.
- 29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. FEE DISCLOSURE--DEPOSITS. (1) Prior to 30 admission, all long-term care facilities or nursing facilities licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW that require payment of an admissions fee, 31 deposit, or a minimum stay fee, by or on behalf of a person seeking 32 33 admissions to the long-term care facility or nursing facility, shall 34 provide the resident, or his or her representative, full disclosure in writing of the long-term care facility or nursing facility's schedule 35 36 of charges for items and services provided by the facility and the amount of any admissions fees, deposits, or minimum stay fees. 37 addition, the long-term care facility or nursing facility shall also 38

fully disclose in writing prior to admission what portion of the 1 deposits, admissions fees, or minimum stay fees will be refunded to the 2 resident or his or her representative if the resident leaves the long-3 4 term care facility or nursing facility. If a resident, during the first thirty days of residence, dies or is hospitalized and does not return 5 to the facility, the facility shall refund any deposit already paid 6 7 less the facility's per diem rate for the days the resident actually 8 resided or reserved a bed in the facility notwithstanding any minimum 9 stay policy. All long-term care facilities or nursing facilities 10 covered under this section are required to refund any and all refunds due the resident or their representative within thirty days from the 11 resident's date of discharge from the facility. 12 Nothing in this 13 section applies to provisions in contracts negotiated between a nursing facility or long-term care facility and a certified health plan, health 14 15 or disability insurer, health maintenance organization, managed care 16 organization, or similar entities.

- 17 (2) Where a long-term care facility or nursing facility requires 18 the execution of an admission contract by or on behalf of an individual 19 seeking admission to the facility, the terms of the contract shall be 20 consistent with the requirements of this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. LIABILITY MAY NOT BE WAIVED. No long-term care facility or nursing facility licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW shall require residents to sign waivers of potential liability for losses of personal property.
- 25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 18. OMBUDSMAN IMPLEMENTATION DUTIES. The longterm care ombudsman shall monitor implementation of this chapter and 26 27 determine the degree to which veterans' homes, nursing facilities, 28 adult family homes, and boarding homes ensure that residents are able 29 to exercise their rights. The long-term care ombudsman shall consult with the departments of health and social and health services, long-30 term care facility organizations, resident groups, 31 and senior and 32 disable citizen organizations and report to the house of representatives committee on health care and the senate committee on 33 health and human services concerning the implementation of this chapter 34 35 with any applicable recommendations by July 1, 1995.

- 1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. NONJUDICIAL REMEDIES THROUGH REGULATORY 2 AUTHORITIES ENCOURAGED--REMEDIES CUMULATIVE. The legislature intends 3 that long-term care facility or nursing home residents, their family 4 members or quardians, the long-term care ombudsman, protection and 5 advocacy personnel identified in section 12(4) (e) and (f), and others who may seek to assist long-term care facility or nursing home 6 7 residents, use the least formal means available to satisfactorily 8 resolve disputes that may arise regarding the rights conferred by the 9 provisions of sections 1 through 24 of this act. Wherever feasible, 10 direct discussion with facility personnel or administrators should be employed. Failing that, and where feasible, recourse may be sought 11 12 through state or federal long-term care or nursing home licensing or 13 other regulatory authorities. However, the procedures suggested in this section are cumulative and shall not restrict an agency or person 14 15 from seeking a remedy provided by law or from obtaining additional relief based on the same facts, including any remedy available to an 16 17 individual at common law. This act is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create any right of action on the part of any 18 19 individual beyond those in existence under any common law or statutory doctrine. This act is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, 20 operate in derogation of any right of action on the part of any 21 individual in existence on the effective date of this act. 22
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. RIGHTS ARE MINIMAL. The rights set forth in this chapter are the minimal rights guaranteed to all residents of long-term care facilities, and are not intended to diminish rights set forth in other state or federal laws that may contain additional rights.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. A new section is added to chapter 18.20 RCW to read as follows:
- BOARDING HOMES. Sections 1 through 4, 5(1), and 6 through 20 of this act apply to this chapter and persons regulated under this chapter.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW to read as follows:
- NURSING HOMES. Sections 16 through 20 of this act apply to this chapter and persons regulated under this chapter.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 23.** A new section is added to chapter 72.36 RCW
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 VETERAN HOME. Chapter 70.-- RCW (sections 1 through 20 of this
- 4 act) applies to this chapter and persons regulated under this chapter.
- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. A new section is added to chapter 70.128
- 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 ADULT HOMES. Sections 1 through 4, 5(1), and 6 through 20 of this
- 8 act apply to this chapter and persons regulated under this chapter.
- 9 **Sec. 25.** RCW 18.20.120 and 1957 c 253 s 12 are each amended to
- 10 read as follows:
- 11 All information received by the department or authorized health
- 12 department through filed reports, inspections, or as otherwise
- 13 authorized under this chapter, shall not be disclosed publicly in any
- 14 manner as to identify individuals or boarding homes, except ((in a
- 15 proceeding involving the question of licensure)) at the specific
- 16 request of a member of the public and disclosure is consistent with RCW
- $17 \quad \underline{42.17.260(1)}$.
- 18 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 26.** SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act
- 19 or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
- 20 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
- 21 persons or circumstances is not affected.
- 22 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 27. FEDERAL SEVERABILITY. If any part of this
- 23 act is found to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a
- 24 prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state,
- 25 the conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of
- 26 the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly affected, and
- 27 this finding does not affect the operation of the remainder of this act
- 28 in its application to the agencies concerned. The rules under this act
- 29 shall meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the
- 30 receipt of federal funds by the state.
- 31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 28.** CAPTIONS. Captions as used in this act
- 32 constitute no part of the law.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 29.** CODIFICATION. Sections 1 through 20 of
- 2 this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 30.** Nothing in this act shall affect the
- 4 classifying of an adult family home for the purposes of zoning.

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